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## Farmer Asks A Question.

### He Wants to Know Who Pays The Janitor at The Court House.

Benton, Mo., Jan. 24, 1902.  
EDMUND KICKER—Will you tell me who pays the janitor at the court house? If it is the county court, what authority have they?

B. F. EDMUND.  
Mr. Edmunds is one of those honest, sober, hardworking tillers of the soil who has spent a lifetime in the production of wealth—and yet none of that wealth is his. He is now nearing the three score mark, has worked hard all his life, and yet has nothing to show for it. He lives in an humble home, his food is common and so are his clothes. He sees other men who produce no wealth living in comfortable houses, wear fine clothes and eat the best the markets afford. He knows that there is something wrong somewhere, and is trying to locate the trouble. He comes to Benton and discovers a janitor at the court house, which he considers a case of extravagance.

The Kicker is pleased to see Mr. Edmunds, or any other farmer, take sufficient interest in public affairs to ask questions, and we shall answer questions, where information is wanted, to the best of our ability. But Mr. Edmunds did not discover any part of the "leak" when he discovered the janitor at the court house. The "leak" is higher up.

The court house belongs to the people of Scott county. The square is enclosed by an iron fence, and blue grass covers the ground. Beautiful shade trees cover the square, and a public well and water-trough are also there. A water closet with modern sewerage is also on the square, and if the county court did not provide someone to look after these things, our magnificent square would soon have a desolate appearance. It is true that the janitor provides wood and cleans up for the officials, but the officials pay him extra for this. The janitor receives \$240 a year from the county—not even a "drop in the bucket."

Now, let us examine some of the real "leaks" that take from Mr. Edmunds and every other tiller of the soil a liberal share of his earnings. Take, for instance, the one million dollars of the people's money appropriated by our last legislature to the St. Louis World's Fair for the use of D. B. Francis and other promoters. Take, for instance, the appropriation of thousands upon thousands of dollars of the people's money at every session of the legislature for the use and support of the State Normal schools, which only the children of the well-to-do can afford to attend. Take, for instance, the thousands upon thousands of dollars appropriated at every session of the legislature for the use and benefit of the National Guards of Missouri—useless as potato bugs. Take your excise commissioner of St. Louis—Jim Seibert—\$12,000 a year and trimmings—only an ornament to hold the saloon element of St. Louis in line for the "grand old Democratic party." Any citizen who visited St. Louis prior to the November election, 1900, could see Dockery's life-size picture behind every bar in the city, and if he was there just before the April election in 1901 he could see instead the picture of Rolla Wells! Then you have three railroad commissioners at a salary of \$8,000 a year and expenses each—and for what?

Great guns! We could write a book on the way the money of the people is squandered. Every legislature has an army of several hundred "clerks" at an expense to the tax-payers of \$3.50 per day each, and the only claim they have to their pay is that they stuck to the party and voted the ticket straight. "Boards" and "commissions" and "trustees" of every description are created for no other purpose than to give support to a gang of hangers-on who have no legitimate way of making a living. These members of the "boards," "trustees" and "commissions," receive a certain amount for their services and EXPENSES. They ride on free passes and charge the railroad fare up to the tax-payers. They go to the saloon and eat free lunches

and charge the state up with \$3.00 per day for hotel bills. They write a postal card and put in a bill of \$2.00 for telegrams. They ride in a free hack and put in a livery bill of \$1.50. They walk a street and put in a bill of \$1.00 for street car fare. They sit in the "smoker" and put in a bill of \$4.00 for a sleeper. To prove to you that this is no dream, the Kicker will here reproduce the sworn testimony of the Honorable Arthur Roselle, labor commissioner under Gov. Stephens:

"Q.—Did you ever, during the time that you were labor commissioner, procure a pass for T. S. Pugh, from St. Louis to Lamar, for the sum of \$18, dating the charges April 3, 1897, and have the same allowed and receive the money therefor?"

"A.—I may have done so. If I did, it was for the money, or advertising in the Leader, actually spent by me.

"Q.—I will ask you if it is not a fact that while at Lamar, Mo., in the month of June, 1897, you made up an expense account, as follows: Railway fare, \$7.50; hotel fare, \$12.50; street car fare, \$1.75; sleeping car fare, \$4; bus, \$1; telegrams, \$2.40, making a total of \$39.15, giving no date, time or place upon which or at which such items of expense were incurred, and, in fact, knowing that no such expense had been incurred by you, and that you wrote to M. V. Carroll, chief clerk in the labor commissioner's office, enclosing said account and directing him to procure the allowance of the same, and making the following statement in said letter: 'I think it best to do this, as it might arouse an inquiry as to why no expense this month, and if the same was not allowed to you and by you appropriated to your own use?'

"A.—I don't remember any such letter, although I may have written it from home, including an expense account incurred during the month previously, but I am positive that no such statement as contained in the extract was made, or, if so, it has been garbled and its meaning purposely changed.

"Q.—Did you not write a letter, bearing date August 30, 1897, from Lamar, Mo., to M. V. Carroll, chief clerk in the labor commissioner's office, in which you used this language: 'I am going to be so devilish hard run this month that I believe you may make out a voucher for salary for Wm. Anderson for first half of March, \$32.50, and draw the amount and send to me by bank draft or registered letter. I believe this will be O. K. Anderson should be entitled to go on the payroll from March 1st, and he having secured a good position can afford to make a campaign contribution?'

"A.—I believe that I wrote some letter containing, in part, some such language as quoted, but the letter has evidently been garbled."

There you have it, Mr. Edmunds! From one of the gang under oath. Mr. Roselle was chairman of the Missouri Populists in 1896, and he testified under oath that the Democrats gave him \$1,000 to "sell out" the Populists. As a reward for his treachery he was made labor commissioner of Missouri, and you have seen, who have been letting "Bill Jones" do your voting and thinking for you, have not only paid the \$1,000, but his salary and expenses!

Never mind the janitor at the court house, Mr. Edmunds. He earns every dollar he gets, and the county gets full value for its money. You will have to go higher—among the high-collared gentlemen—to find the rascals who rob you of what is justly yours. And they do it "according to law"—for they make the laws for you.

"Stick to the party" and "vote 'er straight."

Doctor: There is one peculiar thing about my profession.  
Lawyer: What's that?  
Doctor: I often get \$3 for visiting a man whose life isn't worth 2 cents.  
Chicago Daily News.

For SALE—A good farm of 199 acres—180 acres in cultivation—Good 2-story frame dwelling, granary, barn, plenty of good water and all modern conveniences. Within 30-minute drive of either Oran, New Hamburg or Benton. For further information apply at the Kansas office.

Happy news comes only to those who make others happy.

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Some Oran News.

The Degree of Honor had a very interesting program last week. First, the installation of officers; next, a brilliant lecture by State Lecturer Mrs. Morgan; then the drama, "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Figures." The characters were: Mrs. Alley and Westcott, Ben Meyers, Misses Cora Bryans, Ara Finley, Mabel Meyers, Estelle Querry. Next came the drama: "The Outlaw's Wife," which was very good. Those taking part were Misses Mary Meyers, Della Fink, Hazel Leonard, Nora McCord, Harry A. Delany. A solo, "The Bee," by Miss Meyers was much enjoyed. A duet, "The Bird in a Gilded Cage," by Mrs. Robt. Wright and Miss Estelle Querry, was fine. A recitation, "Searching for the Grain," was well rendered by Mrs. R. Wright. The tableaux, "Watch Words of the Lodge," by Misses Tudie Watkins, Ruth Mitchell and Theresa McLain, ended the program. The whole was very entertaining.

Joseph Moore was in our town last Sunday and Monday. He had brought a car load of cattle in St. Louis and was here looking after them. Mrs. Moore visited friends during her husband's stay.

We understand that a fine brick store building will soon be erected in Oran. We think the enterprise very worthy of imitation, and hope the good work will go on.

The surveyors made a final survey and state that the new railroad will come in the near future. We predict 'twill be a good road, as the company behind it has wealth.

The Methodistists began a series of meetings Sunday evening. The Rev. Mr. Manley, assisted by a preacher from Olney, Ill., are conducting the meetings.

The new drugstore has opened up with a nice line of goods, everything is up-to-date. This is quite an acquisition to our town.

The two brother-in-laws of R. F. Hollingshead are visiting here, with a view of locating where they can get good farm lands.

The child of J. D. Bowman suffered a relapse and is quite sick again. It is on the road to recovery, we learned today.

James Jolly has about recovered from a severe illness of several weeks duration.

Misses Ella Tomlinson and Anna Swain visited in Oran Saturday and Sunday.

Central Committee Meeting.

Chairman Fraser has authorized us to announce that a meeting of the Democratic county central committee has been ordered to meet at Benton today, Saturday, February 1. Just why this call is made so sudden, and in the midst of such miserable weather, is not stated. However, it is to be hoped that the committee will not go into "executive session," as did the committee of Stoddard county, and call separate primaries for the selection of county and congressional candidates.

Notice to Teachers.

The teachers of Scott county are requested to meet at Blodgett on February 15, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing the subjects arranged in the following program:

Sing by Blodgett choir.  
Invocation.  
Address of welcome by Rev. Z. T. Wright.  
Response by Prof. Duckworth.  
How to make the teaching of History interesting—Prof. B. P. Stearns.  
Discussion by Prof. D. W. Sullivan and John F. Wood.  
The best method of teaching Spelling—Prof. Theo. Reed. Discussion by Prof. R. L. Buck and Jeff. Prim.  
Woman's value in the public school—Miss Vivian Gladdish. Discussion by Misses Anna Finley and Miss Lydia Chaney.

Is a knowledge of Psychology necessary to be successful in teaching—Prof. John Rapp. Discussion by Prof. N. L. Atwood and J. K. Lamm.  
All of the above subjects will be open for general discussion. Friends of education are cordially invited to meet with us.

W. G. ARCHAMON, Co. Com.  
Morley, Mo., Jan. 25, 1902.

Wanted. At once and will pay the highest market price for Corn and wheat. Cash on delivery. Wood, at Benton City Mills. Will pay 80c for No. 2 Wheat. C. C. DAMON, Proprietor.

Just Three Things.

"I once met a thoughtful scholar," says Bishop Whipple, "who told me that he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and he said he would have become an infidel but for three things:

"First—I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have all such books can tell me. They shed not one solitary ray upon the darkness. They shall not take away the only guide and leave me stone-blind."

"Secondly—I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned on an unseen arm as calmly as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream."

"Thirdly—I have three motherless daughters—and he said it with tears in his eyes—"they have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world, if you bolt out from it all the teachings of the gospel."

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From New Hamburg.

During nuptial high mass Tuesday Adelbert Blatt and Miss Mary Kern were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Father Moenig. Frank Blatt and Miss Clementine Hahn, and John Kern and Miss Sophia Blatt were the attendants. The bride was handsomely gowned in white and veiled, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride, and all present were highly entertained. The groom is a son of Conrad Blatt and is a prosperous young farmer. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kern, and has always been a faithful and consistent member of the Young Ladies' Sodality. Her cheerful face and influence for good will be greatly missed in that society.

Mrs. A. Schulte has a hen with fifteen little chicks. The hen doesn't seem as much worried about her little family during this cold weather as does Mrs. Schulte. But the neighbors are all encouraging Mrs. Schulte in the hope of early spring chickens, and the work seems to her a pleasure.

It has been noticed that William Essner, who usually takes things slow and easy, moves about quite lively now and seems to have something on his mind. Two girls at his house may explain the change.

The church trustees were invited to take dinner at the parsonage Sunday, and it is needless to say that all were royally entertained and passed the time pleasantly.

Miss Minnie Auch, who has been in St. Louis for sometime, is home again. Miss Minnie says "there is no place like home."

The approaching marriage of Louis Hohenger, of Kelso, and Miss Cecelia Heisserer was announced during Sunday's high mass.

Mrs. Charles Resell was the guest of Mrs. Schoen during the week.

Mrs. Chas. Schlitt is reported to be very sick.

'ROUND-ABOUT.

Even the Penvine was "snowed in" Wednesday. On the morning trip he jumped the track just below the Cape and didn't get down, and in the afternoon she tried it again and it took her an hour to get up courage to leave the depot. She passed the Benton station after 5 o'clock, and returned the next morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil A. Hahner acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the marriage of Ben. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, to Miss Florence Austin, of Sikeston, at the Methodist church, Sikeston, on February 12th. The contracting parties are well and favorably known throughout the county.

Leo Heisserer arrived home from Essex, Monday evening, somewhat "under the weather." Since snailpox is prevalent at Essex, it was soon reported that Leo had snailpox. Dr. Frazer says Leo is suffering from his gripper.

Chas. L. Proffitt, chairman of the Republican county committee, left for the Cape Tuesday. When asked what he was going for he said, "Oh, I'm just going up to see Brown on important political business."

When a man tells you that he will do anything in the world for you, he means about as much as the candidate who says his ambition is to serve the dear people.

This is tough weather on stock that is not well sheltered. The ground is covered with sleet, and it is so slick that only rough shod horses can travel.

When a neighbor claimed he could not sleep well after doing anything wrong, Will Reeder was mean enough to ask "if he had had a nap in twenty years?"

Dr. S. J. Wade had business at the Cape Tuesday and found himself "snow bound" Wednesday, but got home.

Bloomfield was visited by another destructive fire last week. The building destroyed were frame.

You do not feel sick after reading the Kicker. No patent medicine rot to make you bilious.

A fine Jersey cow, belonging to James Norrell, fell on the sleet and broke her leg Thursday.

A cobbler is very much like a minister of the gospel, in that he is a member of soles.

Clarence Sanders, of Kelso, was in Benton Sunday, trying to locate a stray mare.

About all the use the world has for a dude is that he makes a good cigarette holder.

Our mill is running and can now accommodate customers for flour and bran.

Charley Kirkpatrick, of Charleston, was in Benton a short while Tuesday.

Mrs. U. P. Haw has pneumonia and her condition is considered serious.

Wade Anderson, from Commerce, was here Thursday skettin' around.

The regular term of county court will convene in Benton Monday.

Will Mason, of Richwoods, was seen in Morley the first of the week.

The best way to shoot craps is to shoot the dice into the stove.

The bed-bug has no pedigree but he is often half-blooded.

The Peavine is to have four new engines. Good!

W. O. Lambert had business at Crowder Tuesday.

Real Estate Transfers.

M. Arnold and wife to Calvin Green, 40 acres in 14-30-13.. \$1000

J. W. Hobbs and wife to Andy Metts Jr., lots 12, 13, 14, blk 7, in Oran.. 200

W. H. Edgerton and wife to L. Goetz, 160 acres in 21-30-13.. 200

Weather No Object To Wesley Hawkins and Miss Annie Bollinger.

It was cold Tuesday night—awfully cold—and it was sleety and disagreeable, but it evidently seemed as summer to Wesley Hawkins, son of A. L. Hawkins, and Miss Annie Bollinger, daughter of John Bollinger, all living only a short distance south of Benton.

For some time Young Hawkins has been paying his attentions to Miss Bollinger, very much to the displeasure of her father. It was the desire of Mr. Bollinger that his daughter marry Mr. John Gangle, but the girl refused to see it in that light.

Near midnight, Tuesday, Miss Bollinger got up to look at the clock. It was 11:15.

"What are you doing up?" asked her father.

"I am not feeling well," was the reply, and she went out at the door and, in a little while, returned.

A little later she again went out at the door. Her father was awake—and when his daughter did not return within a reasonable time he thought that, perhaps, his daughter had become suddenly very ill and went out to see about her. All he found was her tracks leading toward the Hawkins home.

Mr. Bollinger realized what had happened and went and awoke Constable Butler to apprehend the runaway couple. The constable sized up the weather and concluded that it was too dangerous a task.

It is supposed that the couple were married at Charleston.

From Kelso.

Certainly we have a very few very bad people here. As a whole, no community has better people than Kelso, yet we have a few parasites that are an injury to our good name. For some time there has been very little lawlessness and no stealing, but on Saturday night the saloon of Drury Bros. was entered by some miscreants. They entered through the window, taking out the large glass. The cash register was not locked, but the thieves, who were evidently drunk, demolished the register and found only one dollar. Sunday morning Moss Drury and Young Schaefer went to Benton to see about getting blood hounds, but after consulting Sheriff Henderson, it was decided that the trail would be too cold for hounds by the time they could be gotten from Kentucky.

Louis Pfeffercorn, Mrs. Theresa Kiefer and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bertrand visited Cape Girardeau Saturday, returning Sunday. They took dinner with Adam Burger, near Kelso, and, of course, were highly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Burger. In some way Mr. and Mrs. Burger discovered that Mr. Pfeffercorn had bought a new suit of clothes, and that Mrs. Kiefer had bought such articles as usually make up a wedding outfit, and it used surprise no one if something happens soon.

Our merchants have been playing with their fingers this week. The very disagreeable weather has kept everybody indoors, and our town has been the picture of desolation.

Wheat prospects are not at all flattering. The December cold snap frosted the roots of quite a great deal of it, and the present sleet is not considered beneficial.

Our people still have hopes of the Memphis and St. Louis railroad coming this way, and the latest report from the surveyors is that the road will be built.

The new cottage of Albert Mantz is about completed and—well, the rest of the story later.

Cotton Belt Mascot.

The Cotton Belt Railroad has a protege in the shape of a baby boy 2 months old. It was left on a train by a woman at Rector, Ark. who immediately disappeared. The little one was closely guarded up in a cotton wrap, and for a while remained very quiet. Then it began to make faint sounds. Curious passengers unwrapped the bundle and discovered—a baby. Conductor Birdsong now has the infant, but unless its relatives claim it, an official of the road says it will be adopted by the great system for a mascot.

Postponed Their Visit.

The following telegram received by Prosecuting Attorney Kelly, regarding the coming of the railroad commissioners to investigate the advisability of ordering a union depot built at Morley, explains itself:

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., 1-28-'02.  
FRANK KELLY, Benton, Mo.  
Appointment of inquiry for tomorrow at Morley postponed until further notice on account of sickness of two members of the Board.

JOSEPH HARDING, Sec'y.

Don't Get Rich, Papa.

The children of a certain family, during its prosperity, were left in the nursery in charge of servants.

When adversity came the servants were discharged and the parents lived with the little ones. One evening, relates Success, when the father had returned home after a day of anxiety and business worry, his little girl clambered on his knee, and, twining her arms around his neck, said:

"Papa, don't get rich again. You did not come into the nursery when you were rich, but now we can come around you and get on your knee and kiss you. Don't get rich again, papa."

A man whose wealth keeps him from his family, sleep, healthy recreation, or the time to enjoy the legitimate pleasures of life, is managed by

THE SOUTHEAST.

Doings and Happenings in Neighboring Counties.

Sikeston Democrat: Some time ago while George Stull was on a hunting expedition near Little River, a young man who had been working for George, and who was in the hunting party, left, and going to George's home decamped with George's wife. They carried along with them the 12-year-old daughter of George. They have been located in Arkansas, and Constable Chas. Clark left this week with warrants for them and is expected to return with them or the child.

Billings (Christian county) Times: We learn that two prominent citizens of Billings will soon start a canary bird ranch on Griesemer's farm. They intend to fence in ten acres with fine wire, top and bottom, put in fifty female birds to lay the eggs. The eggs will be hatched in an incubator. They expect to hatch 300 at a time. From the 300 eggs they expect to get 150 to 200 male birds, which are the singers. A good male singer brings from \$3 to \$5 each. Now figure out how much they will make in a year.

Pemiscot Press: The Sikeston Democrat asks Judge Fox to withdraw from the race for supreme judge, and it is most exceedingly likely that the Judge will do so in order to accommodate the aforesaid newspaper. Some Southeast Missouri papers imagine, seemingly, that the newspaper is an all-powerful factor in matters of politics. Some men who have possession of a cigar box full of typewritten and mortgaged—think they have the contract of moulding public opinion by the yard.

Perry County Republican: "Democracy's campaign has ever been 'honest government,' and we're for the people and against capital." In view of the disclosures made in the Cardwell case, can the masses of the Democracy consistently support its present leaders? The trouble with the people is, they do not know which way to jump. If they vote the Republican ticket they are "up against it" just as hard.

Henry Coffee and his son, John, claim that the South Missouri & Arkansas railroad company "beat them," and they have been burning property in order to get even. They burned a box car and a coach at Poplar Bluff, and were caught setting fire to the freight depot. They are in jail.

Cape Republican: About one hundred laborers, including their families, came down on the Str. Chester Sunday and will go to work on the new extension of the S. M. & A., between this city and St. Louis. The officials of the road mean to push this line so as to have it completed by next December.

Stoddard county claims the oldest citizen in Missouri in the person of William Kingsley. He is said to be between 117 and 120 years old, was born in Ireland before the French revolution, and was a seaman in the English navy when the battle of Waterloo took place.

While the transfer was approaching the incline at Bird's Point, on Tuesday of last week, a box car broke loose from the engine above and went down the incline and into the river. The submerged car had to be removed before the transfer could land.

Much suffering is reported from the Ozark country, in Southwest Missouri. Crops were a total failure and the natives subsist on acorns. When such conditions are reported from India or Russia, our charitable organizations offer assistance.

Jackson Cash-Book: Three Missouri Congressmen made notable speeches at Washington this week—Vandiver, Clark and DeArmond. All spoke against the bill appropriating money to establish a military barracks in the Philippines.

Kennett Mail: They—the powers that be—are going to pension Mrs. McKinley, perhaps properly, and Mrs. Harrison, who married an ex-president. And there are many poor widows of plain soldiers in this country who are hungry.

Two little girls were burned to death in Wright county last week. One was playing around the fireplace when her clothes caught fire, and the other was helping her mother wash out in the yard when her clothing caught fire.

A Republican club was organized at Cape Girardeau and Ben Adams wasn't "in it." And now Ben calls them "Ben Doering Republicans."

Pemiscot Press: The Scott County Kicker, by Phil. Hahner, is delivering some mighty hard kicks.

The Catholic parish at Silver Lake, in Perry county, seems to have had a fighting priest. He got his shot gun after some of his parishioners, but was disarmed before any harm was done. The priest left the place.

Marble Hill Press: Ben Knuckles was arrested at Blodgett a few days ago, brought up and before Squire Bowman, pleaded guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace, and was given twenty days in jail.

The Southeast Missouri Mining and Prospecting Co., have purchased a diamond drill and will soon begin prospecting near Gravel Hill, in Cape county. An experienced miner is in charge of the work.

Eight prisoners escaped jail at Poplar Bluff last week. Two of the men were suspected of having a hand in the Morley bank robbery, and the presumption is that they had help from the outside.

E. L. Reeves, a furniture dealer at Caruthersville, was seriously shot by J. R. King, at Caruthersville, last week. King claims that Reeves insulted his wife.

A 14-year-old Dunklin county girl attempted suicide because her mother refused to let her attend a party.

SIXTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

A Few Clippings From a Paper Published at Jackson in 1839.

Cape Girardeau Republican.

Mr. H. A. Astholz handed us a copy of the Southern Advocate, a paper which was published at Jackson by Brown & Lindsay, and which bears the date of January 20, 1839. In it appeared the following items:

Coxsack.—We have no late intelligence from that body. Though it has been in session nearly two months, we have heard from it but three or four times. Our last eastern mail brought us Washington papers as late as the 11th of December last which had been only about seven weeks on the way. By the mail before, however, we received congressional proceedings up to the 27th of December, at which time no business of much importance had been transacted. The graduation bill, which we consider of the first importance, had been again postponed, on motion of Mr. Clay, to afford him time to prepare, and to get up a full house to hear his promised display. Mr. Clay's vanity frequently prompts him to delay the business of the nation, in order to have an opportunity of procuring a large audience, but on this occasion he was doubtless more actuated by inveterate hostility to the measure, and of consequence to western interests, than to vanity. He has evinced from the commencement of the session a fixed determination to defeat the passage of the bill, if possible, by procrastination. He fears, as well he may, that it will pass the House of Representatives, if they have sufficient time for its consideration, and hence his repeated efforts to delay its discussion in the Senate. These maneuvers are properly understood by the hardy yeomanry of the West, who will award to Mr. Clay his full desert at the proper time.

THE CHEROKEES.—Another detachment of these emigrating Indians, consisting of about 1050, passed through this place on Wednesday last. Like several other detachments that have preceded them, they are generally poor, badly clad and exceedingly dissipated. Owing to the inclemency of the season they have had many cases of sickness and death on their journey. They have great difficulty on some parts of their route in procuring necessary provisions, in consequence of the drought of last summer, which cut short the crops in many parts of the country. They travel only a few miles a day, and will not reach their new homes, about four hundred miles distant, before the first of April. There are two other detachments. We are informed, still beyond the Mississippi, one of which consists of some two thousand persons. The more intelligent and wealthy class of these Indians passed through our town early in the winter, and will soon have reached their place of destination. They were well dressed and made a very genteel and respectable appearance, traveling altogether on horseback or in carriages.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN!—We publish on another page a grave debate that occurred in the Senate of the United States upon the presentation by Mr. Buchanan of a memorial to Congress from James P. Esq., of Pennsylvania, setting forth his claims to the discovery of a method of producing rain, and asking their investigation of the same. A similar memorial from this gentleman was presented, we learn, to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Fined Dead Man.

The following story of a former county magistrate was told last week at Towson:

The body of a man, who had been dead for some hours was found by the police, and the magistrate, acting as coroner, was notified. He made an investigation, and after finding a revolver and \$5.80 in the clothes of the dead man, decided it was a case for a magistrate and not for a coroner, and ordered that the body be brought before him at the station house. Here the magistrate charged the dead man with carrying concealed weapons and fined him \$5.80, the amount of money found in his pocket. Thereafter was taken for other expenses of the case, and the body was taken to the county cemetery to be buried at the expense of the county.

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